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The Cancer Information Service of the Rocky Mountain Region is a program of the National Cancer Institute (NCI) serving the states of Arizona, Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming in cooperation with Penrose-St. Francis Health Services.

Selected NCI Press Releases / NewsCenter Items

Available at <http://www.cancer.gov/newscenter/>.

- NCI Releases Preliminary Data on Genetic Susceptibility for Prostate Cancer (10/18/06)
- *H. pylori* and Cancer: Questions and Answers (10/17/06)
- NIH Announces Two Integral Components of The Cancer Genome Atlas Pilot Project (10/16/06)
- John E. Niederhuber to Be Officially Sworn In as 13th Director of the National Cancer Institute (10/12/06)
- Factors Influencing Declines in Breast Cancer Mortality: Questions and Answers (10/11/06)
- Menopausal Hormone Therapy and Ovarian Cancer: Questions and Answers (10/03/06)
- NCI Scientists Identify Novel Protein That Ties Disruption of a Critical Cellular Pathway to Birt-Hogg-Dubé Syndrome (10/02/06)
- New Campaign, Featuring Smokers' Personal Stories, Encourages Tobacco Users to "Be a Quitter" (9/29/06)
- NCI Creates Network of Clinical Proteomic Technology Centers for Cancer Research (9/27/06)

NCI Fact Sheet Collection

New, revised and reviewed titles. Available at <http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/factsheet/>.

- Artificial Sweeteners and Cancer: Questions and Answers (FS 3.19, 10/5/06)
- *Cáncer inflamatorio de seno: preguntas y respuestas* (FS 6.2s, 10/10/06)
- Cancer Clusters (FS 3.58, 10/5/06)
- How To Find a Doctor or Treatment Facility If You Have Cancer (FS 7.47, 10/12/06)
- Menopausal Hormone Use and Cancer: Questions and Answers (FS 3.76, 10/4/06)
- Probability of Breast Cancer in American Women (FS 5.6, 10/5/06)
- The U.S. National Cancer Institute (FS 1.23, 10/17/06)

Other NCI Publications of Interest

Available for order using the NCI Publications Service, <https://cissecure.nci.nih.gov/ncipubs>, or as noted.

- What You Need To Know About Ovarian Cancer <http://www.cancer.gov/cancerinfo/wyntk/ovary>

Other Items of Interest

- New Evidence Report Finds Most Genomic Tests to Identify or Treat Ovarian Cancer Have Not Shown Clinical Value (10/16/06)
<http://www.ahrq.gov/news/press/pr2006/genovpr.htm>
- FDA Approves New Combination Therapy for Lung Cancer (10/12/06)
<http://www.fda.gov/bbs/topics/NEWS/2006/NEW01488.html>
- Researchers Publish Results of Largest Genome-Wide Linkage Study of Prostate Cancer Among African American Men (10/11/06)
<http://www.genome.gov/19518587>
- FDA Approves Vorinostat (Zolinza) for the Treatment of Cutaneous Manifestations of Cutaneous T-cell Lymphoma (CTCL) (10/10/06)
<http://www.fda.gov/cder/Offices/OODP/whatsnew/vorinostat.htm>
- FDA Approves New Drug for Skin Cancer, Zolinza (10/6/06)
<http://www.fda.gov/bbs/topics/NEWS/2006/NEW01484.html>
- CMS Awards \$7.5 Million in Grants to Expand PACE Program in Rural Areas
<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/apps/media/press/release.asp?Counter=1973>
- FDA Approves a New Drug for Colorectal Cancer, Vectibix (9/27/06)
<http://www.fda.gov/bbs/topics/NEWS/2006/NEW01468.html>

The CDC's Office on Smoking and Health has just released a brochure called *The Practical Guide to Working with Health-Care Systems on Tobacco-Use Treatment*. This publication provides information about healthcare systems operations, strategies for implementing effective tobacco control within health-care systems, and resources regarding tobacco-use treatment. It can be viewed or downloaded from http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/toolkit_practicalguide.htm.

Online Service – LiveHelp

Confidential, online text chat with a National Cancer Institute Information Specialist. Available Mon. – Fri., 9 a.m. – 11 p.m. EST.
For cancer information and to order NCI publications call 1-800-4-CANCER (1-800-422-6237) or visit <http://www.cancer.gov>

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National Health Observances

The National Health Observances calendar comes from the National Health Information Center Web site:

<http://www.healthfinder.gov/library/nho/nho.asp?year=2006>

November cancer-related observances:

Great American Smokeout (November 16)

Lung Cancer Awareness Month

Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month

Looking ahead to December:

National Aplastic Anemia Awareness Week (Dec. 1-7)

National Events of Interest

- ✓ **SOPHE 57th Annual Meeting: Health as a Human Right—Health Education, Equality and Social Justice for All**

Sponsor: Society for Public Health Education (SOPHE)

Dates: November 2-5, 2006

Location: Sheraton Boston Hotel, Boston, MA

Registration: See link below for registration and preliminary information about the annual meeting.

http://www.sophe.org/singlenews.asp?item_ID=3842

Summary: This conference will examine the reciprocal influences of health and human rights, including the impact public health programs and policies have on human rights and health disparities, the consequences human rights violations have on health, the importance of health in realizing human rights, and the ways in which health educators can ensure that human rights are integrated into public health strategies to eliminate disparities.

- ✓ **American Public Health Association 134th Annual Meeting and Exposition: Public Health and Human Rights**

Sponsor: American Public Health Association (APHA)

Dates: November 4-8, 2006

Location: Boston Convention and Exhibition Center, Boston, MA

Registration and Contact: Registration fees differ for members, non-members and students. Complete details, including the full agenda and registration information are available at <http://www.apha.org/meetings/>.

Summary: The APHA Annual Meeting will examine health and human rights from multiple perspectives, including social sciences and natural and quantitative sciences. It will explore human rights issues in the areas of employment, healthcare, security, race, reproductive rights and mental health. This interdisciplinary approach evaluates the complex issues at the intersection of health and human rights and enables more promising solutions and employs more accurate evaluation techniques.

- ✓ **National Cancer Institute's Office of Liaison Activities Teleconferences** 

Sponsor: NCI Office of Liaison Activities

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Dates/Times:

- Tuesday, November 7, 2006; 1:00 PM (EST)
"What Advocates Should Know About Complementary and Alternative Medicine"
Dr. Jeffrey White, Director, NCI Office of Cancer Complementary and Alternative Medicine
USA Toll-Free: 1-800-857-6584; Passcode: CAM
- Tuesday, December 5, 2006; 1:00 PM (EST)
"Cancer Chemoprevention: A Discussion of Benefits and Risks"
Dr. Worta McCaskill-Stevens, Program Director, NCI Division of Cancer Prevention
USA Toll-Free: 1-800-857-6584; Passcode: PREVENT

Registration: Free. No registration is required.

Summary: All calls feature NCI experts and members of the advocacy community involved in their efforts. Callers are given the opportunity to ask questions. Toll-free playback is available for one month after each call. See <http://ola.cancer.gov/activities/teleconferences> for details.

- ✓ **National MultiCultural Institute: Polarization, the Enemy Within – Collaboration, the Power of Us** 

Sponsor: National MultiCultural Institute

Dates: November 9-12, 2006

Location: Marriott Crystal City, metro-DC area (VA)

Registration: See this link for details and to register: <http://www.nmci.org/conferences/default.htm>.

Summary: The conference is designed to bring together professionals from across the country and around the world to explore diversity and multiculturalism. Included are a series of workshops for professional development on diversity and training, special events for networking and relationship-building in the field, and opportunities for dialogue on the critical issues of multiculturalism in our society.

- ✓ **Save the Date: 30th Annual National Rural Health Association Conference**

Sponsor: National Rural Health Association

Dates: May 14-18, 2007

Location: Anchorage, AK

Summary: To learn more about the conference, go to <http://www.nrharural.org/conferences/sub/AnnConf.html>

- ✓ **Save the Date: 2007 National Health Education Conference & SOPHE's 2007 Midyear Scientific Conference – The Changing Face of Health Education and Health Promotion**

Sponsors: Society for Public Health Education (SOPHE), Directors of Health Promotion and Education, and the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention

Dates: June 7-9, 2007

Location: Renaissance Hotel, Seattle, WA

Summary: Preliminary information at <http://www.sophe.org/>.

Thanksgiving, Families and Health

Did you know that last year's Thanksgiving Day was the second annual "National Family History Day," a designation made by the U.S. Surgeon General? Thanksgiving is the traditional start of the holiday season for most Americans, and a typical time to gather families together. The Surgeon General encourages them to talk about, and to write down, the health problems that seem to run in their family. Learning about their family's health history may help ensure a longer future together.

This year's Thanksgiving Day is on Thursday, November 23. In anticipation, at right are listed some resources relating to the "National Family History Day" that may be interesting and useful leads on this important topic.



U.S. Surgeon General's Family History Initiative:

<http://www.hhs.gov/familyhistory/>

A tool called "My Family Health Portrait" is also available from the U.S. Surgeon General Web site. There are three ways to use the tool: as a Web-based program, as software downloaded from the Web site, or as a print copy. Go to: <http://www.hhs.gov/familyhistory/download.html> (Web and downloading versions) or <http://www.hhs.gov/familyhistory/order.html> (for the paper version; also available in Spanish).

American Medical Association article on "The Importance of a Family History" with links:

<http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/category/14399.html>

"How to Compile Your Family History" from the Mayo Clinic:

<http://www.mayoclinic.com/health/medical-history/HQ01707>

CDC – Using Family History to Promote Health site:

http://www.cdc.gov/genomics/public/famhist_alt.htm

National Funding Opportunities – New listings

Program Announcement (PA) Number: PA-06-458 – Small grants for behavioral research in cancer control

Application Receipt Date: for 2006, December 22; until 2008

Summary: The objective of the NCI Small Grants Program for Behavioral Research in Cancer Control is to provide support for new investigators or established scientists refocusing their research interests to behavioral research in cancer control. For complete details, visit <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-06-458.html>.

Program Announcement (PA) Number: CDC-PA-HM07-701 – Public Health Conference Support Program

Letter of Intent: November 9, 2006 (Cycle A) or February 2, 2007 (Cycle B)

Application Deadline: December 11, 2006 (Cycle A) or March 5, 2007 (Cycle B)

Summary: The purpose of conference support funding is to provide partial support for specific non-Federal conferences in the areas of health promotion and disease prevention information and education programs, and applied research. For complete details, visit <http://www.cdc.gov/od/pgo/funding/HM07-701.htm>.

Previously listed funding opportunities

Funding opportunities are listed one time only, due to space constraints. We can provide listings published in previous newsletters upon request.

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